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PRODUCING OPTICALLY ACTIVE ALCOHOL UTILIZING THE SAME
Inventors: Norihiro Kimoto *et al.*
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4. Copies of selected references cited in PTO Form SB/08 (8); and
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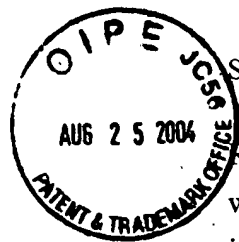
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Applicants and their Attorney are aware of the following publications and information, listed on the attached PTO Form SB-08, and in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97 hereby submit these publications for the Examiner's consideration.

A copy of Reference ID No. A11 is enclosed.

Copies of Reference ID Nos. A12, A13, A 16, A14, A18, B1 and B2 are also enclosed and were cited in a European Search Report during the prosecution of EP 04 009125 dated July 23, 2004 which corresponds to the above referenced application. Copies of the remaining references are not provided as they are part of patent families of



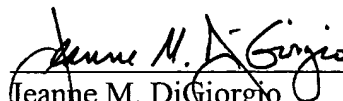
Reference ID Nos. A12, A13, A 16, A14, and A18, submitted herewith in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.98(c). A copy of the European Sear Report is enclosed. Furthermore, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.704(d), Applicants note that this communication was not received by any individual designated in §1.56(c) more than thirty days prior to the filing of this statement.

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